

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4002

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DAMAGE TO MONUMENTS DUE TO BURNING OF EFFIGIES

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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government are aware that during Vijaya Dashmi celebrations effigies were burned in the vicinity of the protected monument of Darya Khan Lohani, in South Delhi;

(b)whether such activities caused damage to the monument of historical importance; and

(c)if so, the reasons for the authorities not initiating any preventive measures in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b)Yes, Sir. However, no damage was caused to the monument.

(c)ASI had reported the matter to local police authorities.